“Coyote Finishes His Work”

Responding to Literature

Directions: Please respond to each question based on the North American folktale, “Coyote Finishes His Work.” Use complete sentences.

1. What are some of the wonderful things that Coyote has accomplished in his travels?
2. In what ways was Coyote foolish? On whom did he depend to rescue him when his foolishness went too far?
3. Why does Old Man finally make the decision to send Coyote away from the world?
4. According to this story, how will the world be different when Old Man returns?
5. To what extent does the Old Man seem to guide Coyote’s actions?
6. Myths often suggest the values that are important to a people. What values are held by Native Americans can you infer from this myth?
7. A journal question asked which qualities you associate with the coyote. Compare your response with the qualities that Coyote displays in the myth.
8. What other story that you have read does the myth most remind you of? Explain why.